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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: SB1583

Dear House Education Committee members,

The goal of K-12 education is to provide our students with the best education possible. With dollars tight and student time so precious we can no longer continue to chase a decades-old strategy of standardized testing that does absolutely nothing to help our students achieve success. Quite to the contrary SBAC testing dominates curriculum, diminishes the value of other subjects, takes up an inordinate amount of teacher time, and is emotionally damaging to many students - unfairly labeling students as incapable or somehow "less than" others.

As a current school board member I believe Sen. Lew Frederick's SB1583 is an important first step in helping to curb the harm that standardized testing has imposed on our educational system. I am convinced there are better ways to assess student progress than the SBAC. To continue on the 20-year path of this failed strategy just doesn't make sense. I ask you to support SB1583 and work to find different means of assessment that will actually help guide student development. Every student.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Light